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Dear Harold,

By now you will have received the first photo work--series a, frames 1-6. This is the first of many installments. With only one good eye and both Patsy and myself exhasted we examined the film with a magnifying glass into the early hours of the morning. We don't have a 16mm viewer but hope to have one by tomorrow evening. It's too bad you didn't know this or you could have marked the frames for copying yourself. So, sorry for the delay, but we don't want to miss anything and we want to do everything as best as possible since these things, although desperately needed now, must also be good and will be the basis of much investigation which will require the best quality we can provide.

If you see Lou add my suspicions of Turner and Rose and Nagell to everyone else's. I have been voicing my opinion on them along with Boxley for quite some time. Kroman I am sure is an agent, and at best is being used. Nagell the same. Rose must also be suspect (I assume Louie has seen the memo) and it looks to me that anyone tied in with this thing should be scrutinized--that includes Hepburn and the Chinaman. In answer to your question, Bolden claims that he never said anything about Oswald blurting out "Ruby hired me" during his interrogation (Ramparts, p68), nor did he say anything which could have been construed as such. Prior to this summer, the last occasion on which I had seen Mark, when Mark gave me an account of his Bolden interview, he mentioned nothing about such a remark. Bolden is angry about this. Needless to say, such a comment would send the case off in a different direction, were it true. Also, Bolden's main charge against the SS was not the drinking on the night of the 22nd (which everyone knew about), but a general failure to follow regulations of that sort which was true not only of Dallas but Hyannis Port also. (That's were Bolden directly experienced it.) I'd like to point out, as you undoubtedly have noted yourself, that the front page of that issue accused LBJ, not the CIA, and many more people see that than see the inside. Last night on the radio I was constantly hit with questions about Jim saying it was LBJ. Turner, in that case, was playing the role of Lulu Belle Holmes, only with the public. I hope, by the way, Louie knows about Nagell's episode in E. Berlin. I also hope that he knows the inaccuracy of Turner's writing on Underhill. To my knowledge I have seen the full Ramparts file on Underhill, and as usual, it was not Turner's work. (No account on the autopsy or a memo on it was there so I don't know how they got that info.) According to their memos Underhill told what they alleged in a vague manner to a "friend" named Fitzsimmons. Underhill's wife, however, didn't even know who Fitzsimmons was. There were serious# questions about Underhill's mental status and also no proof of any CIA or military connection, and the memos themselves accurately made this observation! So whence camst the Ramparts story? Everything which I have seen which comes from Turner throws in exotic stuff which is either not true (and for which Jim suffers) or can't be verified. It leads to many wild goose chases, much money, and an enormous credibility gap# with both the public and members of Congress. As someone who does more speaking than anyone else on this case week by week, I have to face it constantly.

I am not in the least critical of Steve B. as a person or in regard to his past work, especially since I started on this when I was 18 and made many mistakes. But in the investigation mistakes and mistaken trust creates problems, no matter what its etiology is.

Good job with the Perry interview.

I have just sent another letter to Barbara Bolden--this time certified to see## if she got it. I have received a letter from Martinsburg and answered it--setting up the interviews there. Still to others to contact before I disembark on my Odessy.

New Info: 1. I must know immediately if you or Jim's office knows of William Crookshank. The name is very familiar but I don't know why. I have picked up some info relative to him which could be important, but must know if he is already known--specifically if Jim has been looking for him. Will conduct an interview with informant this Wed. This guy is either an agent or this is something real.

2. I expect to see one of the Ruby letters in the near future and either copy it or transcribe the content.

3. Roger Craig's aunt called me and I promised her to find out what happened with his son. I will find out why she knows, although she seems to know only a little. What I am interested in is anything about the family's reaction, since I am not sure I completely trust Craig. His aunt seems honest and is very candid.

In regard to info # 1 above I can get a photo and handwriting sample.

I fully agree with the contents of your letter to Lou, and have already added some info of my own. No one is that incompetent or has done as much as he and Ramparts to destroy Jim in the eyes of everyone but the left wing, who don't count. Something must be done soon even if it is through incompetence and an utter disregard for the truth.

WLOL and WDGY (you weren't on but I was) send their regards. WDGY has big transmitters aimed north and at night they are picked up in Greenland and sometimes Norway, so I at least reached Canada. I gave out your name, address, and price of O in NO 5 times in one long show! People asked for it and said that they could not find it anywhere, whereupon I told the story of the book. By the way, I take the liberty of quoting from it at length--usually Jim's footnote on the G#ermans, his statement on rewriting history a la Orwell being our contribution to civil., and especially your last 5 paragraphs. The other night I spoke to a small group including a major editor of the Mlps Tribune# for 6 1/2 hrs. using the slides, photos, and many documents as usual. This is the most productive way to present. Next week I will speak with outspoken anti-war critic, Congressman Donald Fraser. These last 5 days seem like a year--I know you know that feeling. It is tough with finals coming up and being way behind in a research publication.

Take it easy and good luck.

Gary

P.S. 1. Have I sent you the newspaper clipping w/ Duerte fingering Sirhan as a commie, & mentioning Sirhan, at the alleged left wing meeting, called Duarte a CIA agent?

Encl: 1. Postmaster letter
2. article of mine from the 22nd